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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

**RE: Stuart Wright**

Stuart Wright has been working with Palmerston North Boys High School students for the past four years. During this time he has been providing a study skills programme for our young men.

Stuart is an enthusiastic presenter with a concise, well planned programme that is of direct advantage to any young person who needs to prepare for internal or external assessments.

It is often easy within the secondary education sector to believe that we are very good at what we do and that study programmes offered by external providers are not in the best interests of the students or the school. Stuart's programme is the best I have seen. He challenges students to think and teaches them how to learn in a manner that they relate to.

The young people who attend his sessions are motivated and choose to return again, if given the opportunity. The responses to his teaching style and the content of the sessions are affirming of what Stuart is aiming to achieve.

This year we have asked Stuart to present his material to the entire staff so that as teachers of the growing number of young men attending Stuart's sessions, they understand how he is challenging them to study and learn. The staff responses have mirrored the students' responses in that they are positive and supportive of Stuart's style and methodology.

Alongside the learning opportunities offered to students attending these study skill sessions, it is fair to say that students have fun. In the 'drier' parts or theoretical components of the programme, students are genuinely interested as the points made are relevant and answer some of the questions they and we have about how and why we learn.

If you have the opportunity to use the services of Stuart Wright, I would encourage you to do so. He has provided outstanding service to our young men and school.

Yours sincerely

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RECTOR